

THAT WHICH IS CLAIMED:

5 1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one pharmaceutically active agent and a buffer, wherein said buffer consists substantially of succinate and a counterion.

2. The composition of claim 1, wherein said counterion is selected from the group consisting of: sodium, potassium, ammonium and said pharmaceutically active agent.

10 3. The composition of claim 1, wherein the concentration of succinate is about 0.5-100 mM.

15 4. The composition of claim 3, wherein the concentration range for said succinate compound is about 2-20 mM.

5. The composition of claim 4, wherein the concentration of said succinate compound is about 10 mM.

20 6. The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition has a pH of about 4.0 to 7.0.

7. The composition of claim 6, wherein said pH is about 4.6-6.6.

25 8. The composition of claim 7, wherein said pH is about 6.0.

9. The composition of claim 1, further comprising a sufficient

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16. A method for the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of a disease or condition, comprising administering by injection, a pharmaceutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 7 to a subject in need of treatment with said pharmaceutically active agent.

20. A method for the treatment, prevention or diagnosis of a disease or condition, comprising administering by injection, a pharmaceutically effective amount of the pharmaceutical composition of claim 12 to a subject in need of treatment with said pharmaceutically active agent.

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